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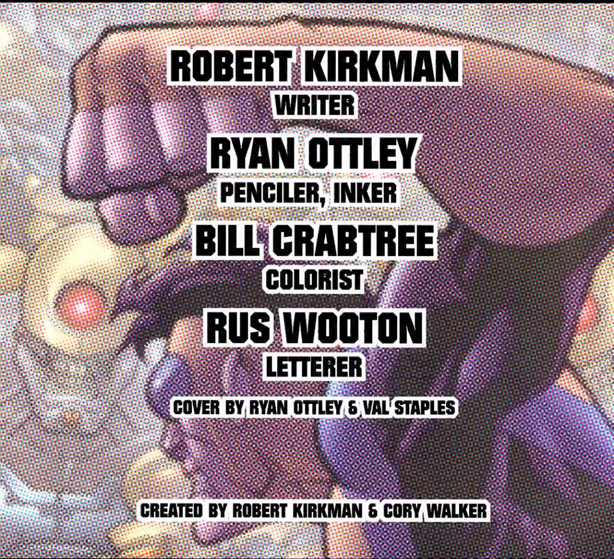

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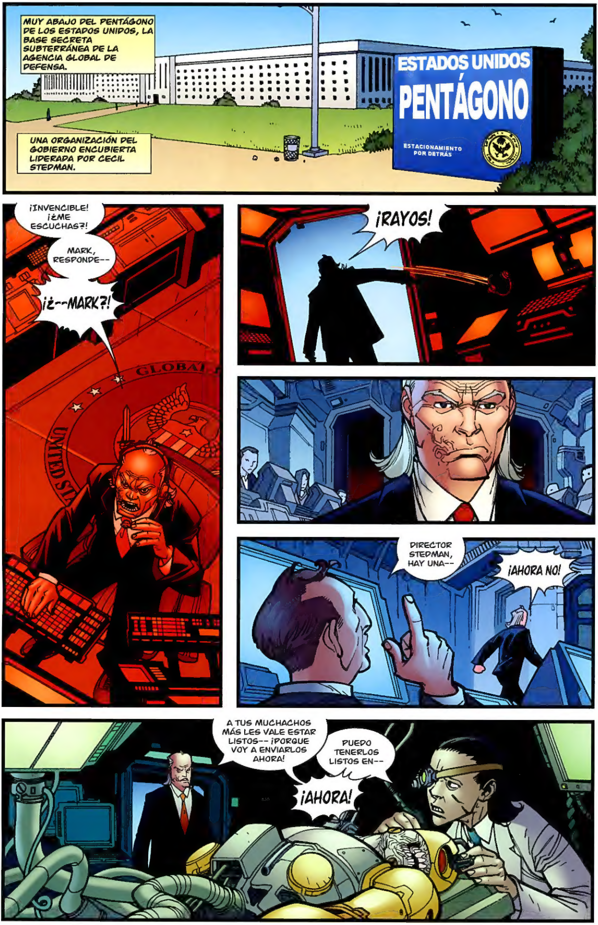
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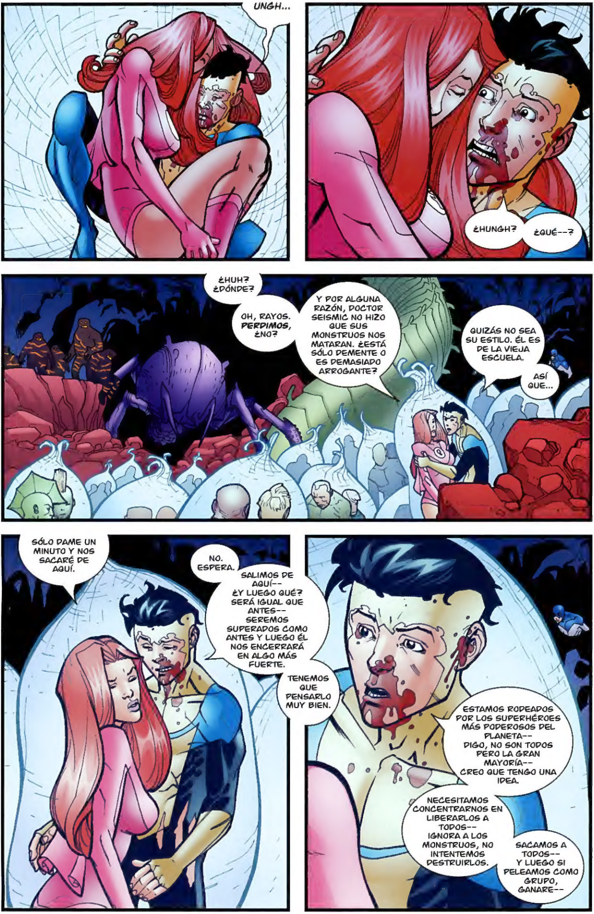
¡INVENCIBLE! ¿¡ME ESCUCHAS?!
MARK, RESPONDE--
¡¿--MARK?!
GLOBAL
UNITED ST
¡RAYOS!
DIRECTOR STEDMAN, HAY UNA--
¡AHORA NO!
A TUS MUCHACHOS MÁS LES VALE ESTAR LISTOS-- ¡PORQUE VOY A ENVIARLOS AHORA!
PUEDO TENERLOS LISTOS EN--
¡AHORA!

¡RÁPIDO! ¡ENCIÉRRENLOS ANTES DE QUE DESPIERTEN!
Y VIGILEN BIEN A ESOS DOS-- ¡NO SÉ CÓMO HICIERON PARA LIBERARSE EN PRIMER LUGAR!
TÚ-- TODO ESTO ES POR TI, ¿LO SABÍAS? TÚ EMPEZASTE TODO ESTO. FUISTE TÚ EL QUE ME ENVIÓ A LAS PROFUNDIDADES DE LA TIERRA-- CAUSANDO QUE DESCUBRIERA ESTE PARAÍSO SUBTERRÁNEO, Y LAS LEGIONES DE HABITANTES QUE HABITAN EN AQUÍ.
ESTABA AGRADECIDO CONTIGO. FELIZ CON MI NUEVA VIDA... DISPUESTO A CONVIVIR CON MI NUEVA GENTE.
¡TÚ FUISTE EL QUE ME LLEVÓ A LA SUPERFICIE, PARA ENCARCELARME! MOSTRÁNDOME QUE NUNCA ME DEJARÍAN EN PAZ-- ¡QUE NUNCA ME OLVIDARÍAN!
¡ESTOY HACIENDO ESTO POR TU CULPA!
ENCÁRGUENSE DE ÉL-- ¡ENCIÉRRENLO Y ALÉJENLO DE MI VISTA!


UNGH...
¿HUNGH?
¿QUÉ--?
¿HUH? ¿DÓNDE?
OH, RAYOS. PERDIMOS, ¿NO?
Y POR ALGUNA RAZÓN, DOCTOR SEISMIC NO HIZO QUE SUS MONSTRUOS NOS MATARAN. ¿ESTÁ SÓLO DEMENTE O ES DEMASIADO ARROGANTE?
QUIZÁS NO SEA SU ESTILO. ÉL ES DE LA VIEJA ESCUELA.
ASÍ QUE...
SÓLO DAME UN MINUTO Y NOS SACARÉ DE AQUÍ.
NO. ESPERA.
SALIMOS DE AQUÍ-- ¿Y LUEGO QUÉ? SERÁ IGUAL QUE ANTES-- SEREMOS SUPERADOS COMO ANTES Y LUEGO ÉL NOS ENCERRARÁ EN ALGO MÁS FUERTE.
TENEMOS QUE PENSARLO MUY BIEN.
ESTAMOS RODEADOS POR LOS SUPERHÉROES MÁS PODEROSOS DEL PLANETA-- DIGO, NO SON TODOS PERO LA GRAN MAYORÍA-- CREO QUE TENGO UNA IDEA.
NECESITAMOS CONCENTRARNOS EN LIBERARLOS A TODOS-- IGNORA A LOS MONSTRUOS, NO INTENTEMOS DESTRUIRLOS.
SACAMOS A TODOS-- Y LUEGO SI PELEAMOS COMO GRUPO, GANARE--

¡ATAQUEN!

¡¿PERO QUÉ--?!
ESTO SÍ QUE ES... CONFUSO.
THOK!
THOK!
THOK!
POOM!
POOM!
POOM!
POOM!
¿QUÉ SUCEDE?
ESTOS SON *CHICOS MALOS*-- ESTO--
ALGO NO ESTÁ BIEN AQUÍ.
BIEN, GENTE-- ENSEÑÉMOSLE UNA LECCIÓN.
¡HAGAN LO QUE SEA PARA ASEGURARNOS DE QUE ESTO *NUNCA* OCURRA DE NUEVO!

¡MUY LENTO!
BIEN-- ¡AHORA TODO VUELVE A SER DIVERTIDO!
WROKK!
CUIDADO, ANGEL-- ¡ESTO NO ES UN JUEGO!
SÓLO ALÉJATE-- Y AGÁCHATE.
THUNK!
OH, UH... CLARO.
GRACIAS.
BOOM!
¡MIERDA!
¡MIERDA!
¡NO! ¡NO ASÍ DE FÁCIL!
¡NO GANARÁN ASÍ DE FÁCIL!
¡NO ES FÁCIL!
SÓLO LO HAGO PARECER ASÍ.

VRAMMM!

BA-TOOM!
¡AÚN QUEDAN ÁNIMOS DE PELEA EN ESTE VIEJO! PERO NO SOY TONTO-- PUEDO VER COMO ACABARÁ ESTO.
QUIZÁS ESTE SEA-- QUIZÁS YA SE HAYA ACABADO TODO. AL TRABAJAR JUNTOS, ¡QUIZÁS HAYAN SIDO CAPACES DE DERROTAR A MI LEGIÓN DE SUBTERRÁNEOS!
PERO SI ESTE ES EL FINAL, SI ME VAN A DERROTAR-- ¡ME LLEVARÉ A TODOS CONMIGO!
NO LO CREO.
¡TÚ!
¿CREES QUE ERES LO SUFICIENTEMENTE RÁPIDO PARA DETENERME ANTES DE QUE ECHE ABAJO ESTA CUEVA CON NOSOTROS DENTRO?
LO SOY-- Y SÉ QUE SABES QUE LO SOY.
TÚ, TODO ESTO ES POR TU CULPA. HE AMPLIADO DEMASIADO MI CONCENTRACIÓN ESTA VEZ. TÚ ERES EL ÚNICO AL QUE BUSCABA-- EL ÚNICO QUE ME LAS TENÍA QUE PAGAR.
LA PRÓXIMA VEZ, Y HABRÁ UNA PRÓXIMA-- IRÉ SÓLO DETRÁS DE TI. VEREMOS CUAN BIEN TE ENFRENTAS CONTRA MÍ ENTONCES.
VIEJO, ¿VAS A OBLIGARME A QUE TE GOLPEE?
VOY A OBLIGARTE A QUE LO INTENTES.

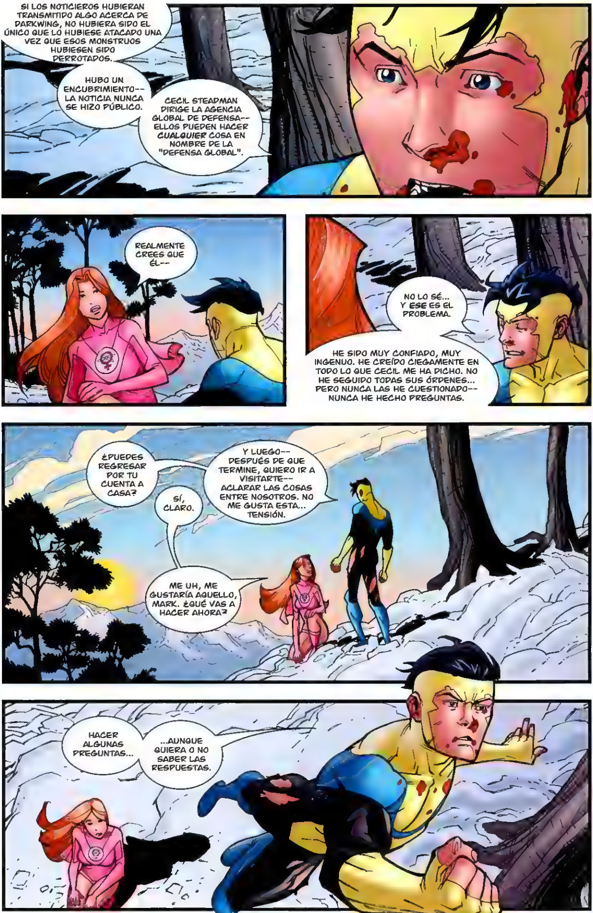
¡¿PERO QUÉ--?!
¿QUÉ ESTÁ SUCEDIENDO?
LOS MONSTRUOS SE ESTÁN RETIRANDO-- PARECE QUE GANAMOS.
¡GENIAL!
¿DÓNDE ESTÁ SEISMIC? ¿ACASO SE ESCAPÓ?
NO TE PREOCUPES, INMORTAL-- LO TENGO.
NO SE IRÁ A *NINGUNA* PARTE.

¡ASESINO!
¡WRAMM!!
¡¿QUÉ?!
ÉL ES UN ASESINO-- SÉ QUE NOS AYUDÓ ACÁ, PERO NO SABEMOS POR QUÉ. TIENE UN EJÉRCITO DE ROBOTS ASESINOS BAJO SU MANDO-- ÉL--
¿ACASO ALGUIEN SABE LO QUE HIZO EN MIDNIGHT CITY? ¡ES UN ASESINO A SANGRE FRÍA!

ADMITO QUE HE COMETIDO ALGUNOS ERRORES EN EL PASADO-- PERO TODO ESTO QUEDÓ ATRÁS. ¡SOY MUCHO MEJOR AHORA!
¡¿ERRORES?! ASESINABAS A LAS PERSONAS QUE QUEBRANTABAN LA LEY-- ¡CUALQUIER LEY!
¡TÚ ASESINABAS PORQUE DISFRUTABAS HACERLO!
¡ERES UN--!
¡NO VIEJO! ¡NO PERMITIRÉ QUE ME ARRASTRES HACIA EL REINO DE LAS SOMBRAS!
¡¿POR QUÉ ESTÁS TRATANDO SIQUIERA DE PELEAR?! CASI TODOS LOS SUPERHÉROES DEL PLANETA ESTÁN AQUÍ-- ¿QUÉ OPORTUNIDAD TIENES?
KRAK!
CÁLMATE, CHICO. ESTE SUJETO NOS ACABA DE SALVAR A TODOS. DALE ALGO DE CRÉDITO.
ESTÁS COMPORTÁNDOTE COMO UN LUNÁTICO.
¡¿QUÉ?!
¡¿TE ESTÁS PONIENDO DE SU LADO?!
¡¿ESTÁS LOCO?!
¡SUÉLTAME!

¡RETROCEDE, INVENCIBLE!
¡AHORA MISMO!
ÉL-- ÉL ASESINO A PERSONAS. ÉL ERA UN ASESINO A SANGRE FRÍA. ¿POR QUÉ NADIE SABE NADA AL RESPECTO?
CONOZCO A DARKWING DESDE HACE UN TIEMPO, EN SUS DÍAS COMO NIGHT BOY CUANDO TRABAJÓ JUNTO AL DARKWING ORIGINAL.
UN ARROGANTE, SÍ-- PERO NUNCA UN ASESINO.
ESTABA AHÍ-- LO VI. ¿QUÉ NO SALIÓ EN LAS NOTICIAS? PENSÉ QUE TODOS SABÍAN ACERCA DE ESTO.
HABLAREMOS DE ESTO LUEGO.
PERO--
CHICO, HABLAREMOS DE ESTO LUEGO.
AHORA LARGO DE AQUÍ.

¿MARK?
¿QUÉ FUE TODO ESO? ¿ESTÁS BIEN?
¿YO? NO-- NI SIQUIERA UN POCO. ESE SUJETO, DARKWING-- NO SÉ NI SIQUIERA QUÉ DECIR.
¿NO TENÍAS NI IDEA DE QUE DARKWING ERA UN ASESINO? ¿NUNCA LO VISTE EN LAS NOTICIAS?
A DECIR VERDAD, NO VEO MUCHO LOS NOTICIEROS, PERO CREO QUE HABRÍA ESCUCHADO ACERCA DE ALGO COMO ESO.
ESTOY SORPRENDIDA DE QUE NUNCA ME LO HAYAS MENCIONADO.
LO DESCUBRÍ HACE UN TIEMPO ATRÁS-- PENSÉ QUE IBA A SER UNA GRAN NOTICIA.
ALGO NO ESTÁ BIEN AQUÍ-- ESTO ES RARO.
ESOS SOLDADOS ROBOT... ESTÁN BASADOS EN LOS DISEÑOS DE AQUEL PSICÓPATA QUE ESTUDIABA EN MI UNIVERSIDAD, MATANDO INDIGENTES Y CONVIRTIÉNDOLOS EN ROBOTS...
NO QUIERO NI **PENSAR** ACERCA DE DONDE OBTUVIERON LOS CUERPOS PARA CONSTRUIR ESAS COSAS.
¿QUÉ PASA?
CREO QUE HE COMETIDO UN GRAVÍSIMO ERROR.



SI LOS NOTICIEROS HUBIERAN TRANSMITIDO ALGO ACERCA DE DARKWING, NO HUBIERA SIDO EL ÚNICO QUE LO HUBIESE ATACADO UNA VEZ QUE ESOS MONSTRUOS HUBIESEN SIDO DERROTADOS.
HUBO UN ENCUBRIMIENTO-- LA NOTICIA NUNCA SE HIZO PÚBLICO.
CECIL STEADMAN DIRIGE LA AGENCIA GLOBAL DE DEFENSA-- ELLOS PUEDEN HACER CUALQUIER COSA EN NOMBRE DE LA "DEFENSA GLOBAL".
REALMENTE CREES QUE ÉL--
NO LO SÉ... Y ESE ES EL PROBLEMA.
HE SIDO MUY CONFIADO, MUY INGENUO. HE CREÍDO CIEGAMENTE EN TODO LO QUE CECIL ME HA DICHO. NO HE SEGUIDO TODAS SUS ÓRDENES... PERO NUNCA LAS HE CUESTIONADO-- NUNCA HE HECHO PREGUNTAS.
¿PUEDES REGRESAR POR TU CUENTA A CASA?
SÍ, CLARO.
Y LUEGO-- DESPUÉS DE QUE TERMINE, QUIERO IR A VISITARTE-- ACLARAR LAS COSAS ENTRE NOSOTROS. NO ME GUSTA ESTA... TENSIÓN.
ME UH, ME GUSTARÍA AQUELLO, MARK. ¿QUÉ VAS A HACER AHORA?
HACER ALGUNAS PREGUNTAS...
...AUNQUE QUIERA O NO SABER LAS RESPUESTAS.

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UNA ORGANIZACIÓN DEL GOBIERNO ENCUBIERTA LIDERADA POR CECIL STEDMAN.
NUNCA HICISTE PÚBLICO LO QUE DARKWING REALMENTE ERA. ¡OCULTASTE LA VERDAD PARA QUE ÉL PUDIERA TRABAJAR PARA TI! SÉ LO QUE HAS HECHO-- SÓLO NECESITO SABER EL PORQUÉ.
TÚ SABES PORQUÉ-- POR EL BIEN DE LA HUMANIDAD.
DARKWING ES UN ASESINO-- UN PSICÓPATA. ¡¿REALMENTE CREES QUE ES SEGURO DEJARLO LIBRE?!
MARK, INTENTA VIVIR EN MIDNIGHT CITY POR CASI CUATRO AÑOS. CUALQUIERA QUE HAYA COMETIDO UN CRIMEN EN ESE AGUJERO INFERNAL ES INOCENTE POR JUSTIFICACIÓN DE LA LOCURA TEMPORAL.
NO QUERÍA DESTRUIR LA VIDA DE ESE CHICO PORQUE HABÍA ESTADO BAJO UNA TREMENDA PRESIÓN.
CREO QUE NO RECUERDAS QUE TÚ TAMPOCO ERES TAN INOCENTE DE UN ASESINATO... ¿O ACASO ANGSTROM LEVY NO CUENTA?
¿NO TE DAS CUENTA DEL DOBLE ESTÁNDAR QUE ESTÁ PUESTO EN DARKWING?
¡SABES BIEN QUE ESO ES COMPLETAMENTE DIFERENTE!
¡ANGSTROM LEVY AMENAZÓ CON MATAR A MI MADRE! DARKWING ERA--

SEÑOR STEDMAN, YO--
LO SIENTO, NO SABÍA QUE ESTABA EN UNA REUNIÓN--
SEÑOR SINCLAIR, POR FAVOR RETÍRESE-- AHORA.
¡¿QUÉ DEMONIOS ESTÁ HACIENDO ÉL AQUÍ?!
MARK, TRANQUI-LÍZATE.
PENSABA QUE SÓLO ESTABAS USANDO SUS DISEÑOS-- PENSABA QUE ESTABAS USANDO SU TRABAJO ENFERMO Y RETORCIDO PARA TU PROPIO BENEFICIO-- ¡Y ESO YA ERA MALO DE POR SÍ!
¡¿PERO ESTÁS TRABAJANDO CON ESE SUJETO?! ESO ES-- ¡NO PUEDO CREER TODO ESTO! ¡NO PUEDO CREER DE LO QUE ERES CAPAZ!
¡¿CUÁNTOS MÁS DE MIS ENEMIGOS TIENES EN TU NÓMINA?!
MARK, TRANQUILÍ-ZATE.
POR FAVOR, SÍGUEME.
CECIL, MALDICIÓN-- ¡¿QUÉ ESTÁ PASANDO ACÁ?!
TE LO EXPLICARÉ, SÓLO ACOMPÁÑAME.

SÓLO ESTOY HACIENDO MI TRABAJO, CHICO. LA VERDAD ES, Y NO ME AVERGÜENZO DE ADMITIRLA, QUE HARÍA UN TRATO CON EL DIABLO SI DE PROTEGER ESTE PAÍS SE TRATARA.
CREO QUE YA LO ACABAS DE HACER.
LE ESTÁS DANDO A D.A. SINCLAIR MUCHO CRÉDITO.
¡¿EN SERIO?! CASI MATÓ A DOS DE MIS AMIGOS. ¿ACASO HAS OLVIDADO LO QUE LE HIZO A RICK SHERIDAN?
LO VI-- VI CÓMO LO RECONSTRUÍAS, ¡DESHACIENDO EL DAÑO QUE SINCLAIR LE HABÍA INFLINGIDO! ÉL LO DESPEDAZÓ-- ¡ES UN MONSTRUO!
MALDICIÓN, CECIL, ¡PROMETISTE QUE LO HARÍAS PAGAR POR LO QUE HIZO! ¡PROMETISTE QUE SERÍA CASTIGADO!
¡¿CÓMO PUDISTE TAN SÓLO DEJARLO IR?!
LE HEMOS AYUDADO A PERFECCIONAR SU TECNOLOGÍA-- AHORA LOS CONSTRUYE CON CADÁVERES. SU TRABAJO CON PERSONAS VIVIENTES SE HA TERMINADO-- AHORA ES TODO LEGAL.
PIENSA EN LAS VIDAS QUE SUS REANIMEN SALVARÁN-- REVOLUCIONARÁ LA GUERRA MODERNA. ¿NO CREES QUE ESO VALE LO SUFICIENTE POR SU LIBERTAD?
¡MALDITA SEA, NO! NO DESPUÉS DE LO QUE LE HIZO A ESAS PERSONAS. LOS DESMEMBRÓ-- MUTILÁNDOLOS. ¡ARRUINÓ SUS VIDAS!
¡NO LE CORRESPONDE HACER ESTO! ¡NO PERMITAS QUE SE SALGA CON LA SUYA! NO LO PERMITIRÉ.
AHORA, MARK-- NO TE ALOQUES.
NO-- ESTO NO ESTÁ BIEN. ¡NO PUEDES HACER ESTO, CECIL! NO PUEDES-- TÚ--
¿POR QUÉ ESTAMOS EN ESTE CUARTO BLANCO? ¿POR QUÉ ME TRAJISTE AQUÍ?

PARA EL ELEMENTO SORPRESA.

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PENVINCIPALS

Well, would you look at that. What the heck is Cecil doing, huh? Crazy!

Next issue is issue 50! Are you excited? I'm excited — I'm so excited... I think I want to answer some mail!

Woo!

Dear Robert,

Once again I have to question my reading this series. This was just so...so-so! Tether Tyrant and Magmaniac were actually a breath of fresh air, though (or a breath of hot lava, one of the two). I find that, as much as most 'Vince characters names aren't used enough, most Villains names aren't used at all; but those two I got. If things Are gonna completely change with issue #50 or 51, bring it on! This 'road to' is wearing me out.

Sincerely,
Andrew J. Shaw

Again, I don't often hear this complaint from most people. I use the character's names as much as realistically possible, and I HATE those name captions people do in comics just to remind you characters names. I'll definitely try to keep an eye on the names and when they're mentioned. Maybe you'll like the book better after issue 50. Please keep writing your letters are the highlight of every letters column for me.

KIRKY KIRK!!!
What's happening homie? You already know who it is, your lil' kuzzo out the one and only bay area northern califoolya. I wanna talk to you about some very important issues. Why is Multipaul such a lil punk beezy? I hope we find out later.

We'll be learning much more about Multi-Paul in coming issues... yo.

And Mark's been single for a minute now dude he should be pimpin the dames by now.

Well, Mark is still dealing with his break-up with Amber right now. He'll get with E — uh, things will be changing soon.

And speakin of pimpin, I bet the fame of being a comic writer must have the boppers throwin themselves at you left and right, huh.

Oh, yes... I'm knee deep in muppet trim. You know it.

Well holla at cha boy if you're ever in my hood. I'm off lyk a prom dress.

In a major way,
Johnny B Fresh

P.S. Bopper is bay area terminology for an attractive, wild female. Ya knew better ya do better.

Man... I know what a "bopper" is. It's not only a bay area slang term. My grandmother knows what a bopper is. Still, though... you win. Andrew J. Shaw is no longer my favorite letter writer.

You like numbered blurbs; so in the spirit of you consistently giving me what I want out of a comic book, I'm going to try and give you what you want out of a letter.

1: Phase 3? Getting laid?

You sly devil.

2: On the topic of Robot; What about his promotion back to leader?

What about it?

3: Is Immortal going to get back in the game now that Kate's alive and well?

Seems so.

4: How do you put a guy like Multi-Paul in jail anyways? Can't his 'Zero' just send out another multiple out to work for that metal mouthed mafioso?

You are very wise.

5: When's Eve going to start using her powers to kill? Like re-arranging the atoms of someone's heart into a potato; is she capable of something like that?

As revealed in the recent INVINCIBLE PRESENTS: ATOM EVE mini-series, NO, Eve cannot affect living animal matter. Plants? Yes. Humans? No.

6: Any familiar faces in the prison? Battle Beast? Meteor Master? Space Rider!?! I can't wait to see those guys again!

Keep reading.

7: If the Mauler Twins are cloning clones, are they losing their intelligence in that process?

Nope.

8: What's up with Shapesmith? I thought Cecil was going to punish him.

There's so many characters in this book I really have to pick and choose who gets the spotlight. I've got to be careful that we stay focused on Invincible for the most part. So if Cecil punished Shapesmith — we didn't see it.

9: Is there a Dr.Strange-esque character in the Invincible Universe? Maybe they could help out Monster Girl.

This isn't an archetype book — it's not filled with versions of every famous here. Will there ever be a character who uses magic as a power? I'm sure there will be — but they won't be completely derivative of Dr. Strange.

10: Another Tech-Jacket cameo, please? He is cool and the gang.

I'll see what I can do.

11: Black Ghost! When do we get to see that guy!? He looks bad-ass. I like how Cory is still designing new characters for the book.

Black Ghost was not designed for Invincible. He's his own man... who may someday have his own book.

12: So, there it is. I've never written a fan-letter before (or posted on a forum, for that matter), but your work has finally given me reason to do so. Kudos to Rogues Gallery Comics up here in Windsor, Canada, for being my monthly Kirkman comic hook up (they push your books like drugs). And kudos to you sir and your creative team for continually making such an enjoyable and engaging book. As an aspiring comic book writer myself, your work is a real inspiration. Stoked for #50 & Beyond!

Fan & Friend (Cause we're all friends here right?)

-Murad

Was that last one a question?

YE GODS!

I reckon the reason that you get so many letters from readers saying that Invincible reminds them of comics they read in the 90's, 80's, etc is because of how it's plotted. You're juggling so many plotlines in every issue, and that's not a style of plotting that's been seen very often of late. I don't know if that's because writers nowadays don't stick to titles long enough to develop such interweaving plots, or because of the general industry move to neat, self-contained six-or-seven issue storylines, perfect for the trade collection; anyway, I like the way you're putting the stories together, so keep it up.

For me — this is how comics should be done, a tangled web of multiple stories that are all tied together by the main character. That's how all the best comics were done, that's how I do pretty much all of my superhero books. It's just what I prefer. Modern comics are cool, and people do use subplots from time to time, but I really think there should be more of it out there. Glad you like it to.

I'm particularly enjoying the Robot/Monster Girl storyline, which is touching without being soppy, and I'm hoping that things will end well for the couple, although happy endings usually aren't as dramatic as tragedies...

Very true...

Also a highlight is Allen's sneaky infiltration of the Viltrumite prison, and I can't wait to see what he's going to say to Nolan now they've met at last. The best plotline in the comic right now, though, is the developing relationship between Invincible and his brother. Oliver's an endearing little squirt, and it's great to see more of him.

You will greatly enjoy everything that's coming after issue 50.

I'm not too interested in the zombie-robots and sneaky government stuff, but we'll see where it goes. I've not been disappointed by an Invincible story yet.

So no complaints, really, but if I could make a request, it would be to see more of the world's reaction to Invincible. We've seen snippets of news stories and the like, but it might be nice to have an issue devoted to the "common man's" view of Invincible; one of the key strengths of the title is the cast, and we've got a good sense of how the people who know Vince feel about him, but what about the common people, those men and women who know him only as a more or less faceless icon? I think it was that issue with the ticker-tape parade on the cover that got me thinking about all this. So blame Ottley, I suppose.

Bah — that cover was my idea! Blame me! Heh. We'll see more of how normal people view Invincible in the coming months, it's been something I've been meaning to get to for some time now.

Anyway, until Battle Beast is revealed to be a cousin of Tony the Tiger, Make Mine Ma... er... Keep it Kirkman!?!

- kelvin green

I've always been partial to "IMAGE IS IT!" But that's just me.

Dear Robert Kirkman,

What happened way back in issue 16 when the aliens were taken out by a yellow streak in the sky? What was up with that?

That was a nod to the story in BRIT: Red White Black and Blue, in which Brit and his crew stopped an alien invasion. I reflected that story in Invincible 16 as it came out around the same time. On one hand, it was an attempt to show a cohesive universe, and on the other hand, I thought it was a cool bit to have our hero NOT be the guy who saves the day. I always thought it would be neat to be following the Fantastic Four as they attempt to stop a threat that the Avengers eventually defeat — apparently, not such a cool idea — because it's the most confusing thing to ever happen in the series. Some people think it was Omni-Man returning — it wasn't. The Brit story is collected in the recently released "BRIT: OLD SOLDIER" TPB, which is readily available at any comic shop nationwide, and is the PERFECT lead-in to the currently running BRIT regular series.

Anyway, I was reading my official Robert Kirkman guide book when I realized I never wished you a Happy (very belated) Birthday. Hope it was a good one.

-James DeAngelis

That's right, I did have a birthday last year — good call.

P.S. Aubrey Sitterson is a guy?!?!

Well, putting it like that is a bit of a stretch, but yes... I believe what you've said here is technically true.

Hey there!
A very quick and possibly silly question from me. For some absurd reason, I loved the gap between D.A.'s front teeth. You know, the one he used to have? What ever happened to that? It made him just that bit more awesome, though I still adore him.

Keep up the fantastic work!
- Suzanne

It's still there... you just can't see it in issue 47. It never left as far as I know.

Dear Kirkman,

All right, I just wanted to start by saying this has been a great book from the beginning. I've followed it since the beginning and was immediately hooked. With that being said, I have some questions/concerns/suggestions if you're willing to answer.

I am!

Okay, so obviously Allen is going to help Nolan escape, but what's gonna happen after that?

Uh... you'll have to read the book for the answer to that one.

Are all of these "difficulties" caused by Mark and Nolan going to speed up the Viltrumite invasion?

It's certainly possible. Otherwise the Viltrumites wouldn't invade for 100 years... do you really think this book will cover 100 years of time?

Also, whatever happened to the British people who were hit by Mark's left-over burgers and graduation cap?

I'll be picking up that thread very soon.

That looked like it could have turned out to be an interesting plot turn; "Attack of the British" or something. More that I would like to see however is maybe some more Capes Inc. tie-ins, the so-called "Order" mentioned in issue 46 by Mr. Liu. Another thing, thank you for bringing back Titan, he is like the biggest bad ass ever, and I mean that in a good way. I only have one or two more suggestions, cause the books it so great, so yeah. I was thinking maybe you should have a "recruitment day" for the Guardians of the Globe.

Issue 9. Been there — done that.

Also, last one, maybe create some variant costumes for the characters.

Issue 51. See how accommodating I can be?!

That's all for now, tell your staff that they are doing the best job ever! Keep giving them whatever you give them to keep them happy.

- Ty Mundhenk

My staff?

Dear Dr. Kirkman

Hello! first time ever writing to a comic (I have only been buying issues of invincible since #42, the rest is trades). What with all the Jesus talk going on lately have you ever noticed Atom Eve's remarkable similarity to our Lord? She has the ability to turn water into wine (molecular redistribution, like the leafy coffee mugs) walking on water (molecular compression, much like she uses to fly), the loaves and fishes (possibly low-calorie loaves and fishes, like the cake), and survival in the wilderness (the ability to pull in and convert nutrients from the surroundings).

Don't spoil the end for the rest of the kids.

Basically what I am saying is, battle pope aside, do you think Jesus is a hot redhead with superpowers?

I really wish he were.

Onto the Praise, I love this book, I have attempted to make all my friends read it, and Ryan's art just keeps getting better and better, and as an illustration student, both Cory and Ryan are a huge inspiration to me.

-Ian(anan)

P.S. congratulations to Cory on his scatchblag (which is very nearly up to 365 at time of writing).

Well, I should take the time to congratulate Cory as well (even though I've already done so). He totally pulled it off, too. If you want to go see Cory's 365 sketches in 365 days... go here: corenthal.blogspot.com, I hear in 2009, he's going to put out 12 comics in 12 months. It's going to be AWESOME.

Hi, Kirkman,
Happy new year to all vince crew! I got the new vince poster up, but my tees haven't arrived yet gonna get 'em with my xmas cash.

They are sweet! Enjoy.

Issue 47 was great. I was hoping you'd show the Graysons celebrating X-mas the bit in The Walking Dead with Duane and his dad was really moving but I suppose Invincible and our timelines are different.

That is true. Also, until we get control of our schedule, I don't want to risk having a Christmas issue ship in July.

The cover to 51 shocked me but I've gotten used to it, because Jim Lee rules and I love the color purple. It's not that big of a change, I hope.

Just a costume change — nothing huge. It'll be cool, you'll see.

1. Who else in the comics world are you buddies with?

I have no friends. Sorry.

2. Ever met Mike Mignola or Kelly Jones?

Never met Kelly Jones, but I'm a huge fan of his. Met Mignola a few times, but never introduced myself — I just gush about his art as a random fan and then move on. I doubt he'd know who I was if I did introduce myself.

Can't believe Bendis used to babysit you.

Then don't!

Recaps suck ass for us long time readers.

If you're talking about things like the Zero issue and issue 42, I do see what you're saying, but the recap in 42 can totally be skipped if you don't want to read it — and at the same time, it helps to get new readers on the book — and that's a huge deal. Expanding the readership on this book is the key thing that'll keep it around for 400 issues or so. So they're a necessary evil.

3. Are we gonna hear from the space rider any time soon? He's the coolest character ever and Nolan's books need to be published by image.

We'll see Space Rider again. Not soon, be we'll see him again. Nolan's books would need to be WRITTEN before they could be published by Image.

4. Oliver seems way too young to be out fighting super-powered goons why would mark let him?

Mark hasn't let him... yet.

5. Doesn't the goverment have their own scientists and technicians to build and design their own robots and weapons? Why did they have to employ a psycho killer who obviously holds a grudge against Invincible for rearranging his jaw?

Because D.A. Sinclair invented the Reanimen — something Cecil's scientists couldn't do.

6. Why don't guys like Magmaniac and Tether Tyrant get offered work by the Guardians of the Globe too?

Because they're bad guys... and aren't deemed useful enough for the government to overlook that fact.

Can't wait for 50 and Invincible's debut in Brit!

Keep 'em coming.
Scott Spencer

You can't wait?! I can't wait! Invincible 50 is going to be sweet! A true landmark!

Kirkman-

Maybe I should say this first, I've never written to a comic book author. I've never read a letter column until I picked up invincible and was looking for a lil' extra while i finished my business in the bathroom (not that you need to hear that), Anyway I've been meaning to write to you for the longest time.

I first picked up the three trades and then started picking up the individual issues after that. Besides the trades I occasionally pick up, Invincible is the only comic I pick up monthly. And it is the best superhero comic book in the universe.
I love everything you and Ottley and Crabtree do. The art is bloody beautiful. I love how you manage to introduce characters early on in subplots and move it along so smoothly. So I guess I should move to the numbered questions:

1. This is jumping ahead, but i heard something about an Invincible movie, is this still happening?
a. And if so are you writing and/or collaborating on the screenplay?
b. And if so what kinds of characters or villians will show up?
c. This isn't a question, just a sidenote — I hope (if in fact the answer to these questions is 'yes') that whoever picks up the director's chair for this one, will make it as bloody as the comics. It's not necessary, and I can see why they would take it out to keep a PG-13 audience, but the bloody fights between Invincible and his dad and the other Viltriumites are awesome. Once again thank you Ottley and Crabtree.

Paramount Pictures optioned Invincible a few years ago and contracted me to write a couple drafts of the screenplay. I did that and now whether or not it gets made is in their hands. I really can't discuss the matter much past that.

2. Moving on, there's a whole subplot going on with Robot and Monster Girl trying to stop Monster Girl from getting younger, but in Issue 25 when you introduced her backstory, a witch/gypsy cast a spell on her that made her into a monster, while Robot's trying science to reverse the process, is it possible that the only way to cure her is through magic? Will we ever see that Witch Woman again?

The witch woman? Probably not. And yes — it is possible for someone to cure magic with science. Science is awesome.

3. I love all of your villians, by the way, (don't worry this will turn into a question) I love D.A. Sinclair and his Reanimen, the Lizard League, Bi-Plane, and Master Mind, but my favorite villian: Angstrom Levy was killed off (which I'm glad you approached the subject with Mark's superstrength, you would think that Superman or Spiderman would just punch a hole through Lex Luthor or G. Goblin's faces already) Back to the question: Is there any chance that we would see Angstrom Levy again? It might be a cop out but somebody from that desert wasteland could bring him back to life through a lazarus pit or something along that sort of nature. Or somebody could clone him.... I'm sorry I just really liked Angstrom Levy.

I liked him to... but I'm pretty sure he's dead. I mean, he at least LOOKED dead right? There's no way he could have survived that... right? RIGHT?!

4. Also I know everyone's been bugging you about Battle Beast (which I'm pretty sure i saw him hanging out with the Coalition of Planets (i think that's what they were called, Issue 23)) But I'm kind of missing the Mauler twins and their crazy antics, any chance we'll see them again?

The Mauler's will be back very soon. That WASN'T Battle Beast in issue 23... but it WAS a member of his race.

5. By the way Tether Tyrant and his alien tether lady friend was creepy (Awesome).

Thanks.

6. So you faked us out in Issue 'I don't know' when Eve and Mark kissed, and then in the next issue it was awkward, like who kissed who, and Eve asking Mark if he really liked her before her future self told him she loved him (which was also awkward) When are Eve and Mark going to get together? I know you probably can't give me a solid answer...but will they get together?

51... maybe.

7. I know this is long, but I'm catching up on years of not writing you. I wanted to say that my favorite side characters are Rex Splode and Shapesmith. And I'm hoping we get to see more with them. By the way thanks for not killing of Rex Splode in the battle w/the Lizard League, i know he's kind of a d-bag, but he's been one of my favorites from the beginning.

You guys have no idea how close I came to killing Rex there... no idea.

So I picked up atom eve issue 1 of 2 the other day and I've got to say I was very pleased. For a long time I wasn't reading comics and then I picked up a book called Battle Pope and started picking up as much of those as I could, but then I stopped going because those stopped coming in. And then i came back after a couple years and picked up Invincible from the guys at A+. I didn't realize it at first, but one day when i was looking through my old stuff i made the connection.

So i just wanted to say thank you, Kirkman for keeping me in the comic shop. I love everything you and your team does. And I know everybody's looking forward to Issue 50, but I'm really looking forward to Issue 200, as well as all the spin offs maybe a Guardians of the Globe and Allen the Alien. Seeing how this is a long letter it doesn't seem like you would publish it, but maybe if you could write me back that would be cool.

-Dylan Blount

Or I could just publish it...

P.S. Funny story, one day when I was shopping around A+ in Lexington, KY where I live, not at the store, in the town, I picked up I think it was The Walking Dead and the X-Men you were writing on, and I bumped into this tall guy, with a big blonde beard and blonde hair, and i said, 'oh excuse me or sorry,' or i mumbled something non hateful under my breath, and I waited in line. So after the guy left I went up to buy my comics. Russ the guy working there laughed and said, 'maybe you'll talk to him when he comes in to do a signing' and it was then that I realized it was you. And I was holding your comics in my hand and I felt like a complete dumbass.
But the thing is I don't know what most comic writers or artists look like, it's not like novels where their pictures are in the back of the book. I have a vague idea of what G. Morrison and J. Loeb look like but if I saw them on the street I'm pretty sure I wouldn't know it was them. So I thought maybe you, Ottley, and Crabtree might want to put your pics in the book sometime so your fans would know it was you. So next time we see you we could tell you in person how much we love your stuff. But I guess I could see why you wouldn't with crazy fanboys wearing your names in their underwear or something. But for the rest of us that would be cool. I promise that's the end of my letter. Thanks for listening/reading.

Heh... that's a pretty funny story. I'm in A+ Comics all the time watching people buy my books as I wait in line behind them. It seems arrogant for me to point out who I am to people. Also, I'm sure most people buying things like Ultimate X-Men or Marvel Zombies don't even know who's writing them... so then I'd really look like a fool. So I don't say anything to people unless they say something to me.

Then of course, I worry that they did know who I was... and now think I'm rude because I didn't say anything to them... like I was trying to hide who I was. I'm neurotic like that.

I don't mind chatting it up with people if they see me out. It's always fun to impress my wife when I get recognized in a book store or at the movies... which does happen from time to time. So if you see me out — say hello!

But I'm not going to print my photo just for the purpose of being recognized more. I still enjoy being able to pick my nose in public without worrying about people knowing who I am.

Okay, with that, we wrap this puppy up. On the following two pages, you'll find some awesome painted pin-ups by a fellow named ROB HOUGH. I met Rob at a signing a few years ago at FAMOUS FACES AND FUNNIES, and awesome comic shop in Melbourne Florida. Great store — you should all swing buy if you're ever in the area.

Okay... next month, issue 50, kids... issue 50! Are you excited?

-Robert Kirkman

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